RESOLUTION

OF THE

MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Designation of a Route and Issuance

Of a

Route Permit

To

XCEL ENERGY

For the

Buffalo –White 115 kV

High Voltage Transmission Line and Associated Facilities

And

Yankee Substation

In

Lincoln County, Minnesota

MEQB Docket No. 04-84-TR-XCEL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board approves and adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order designating a specific route for the Xcel Energy Buffalo-White 115 kV high voltage transmission line and associated facilities and Yankee Substation in Lincoln County, Minnesota, and issuing a Route, as amended at the March 17, 2005 meeting, to Xcel Energy in accordance with the recommendation of the EQB staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert A. Schroeder, Chair of the Board, is authorized to sign the adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order, and the Route Permit.